

Education Job Funds (EdJobs) and Special Education

Education Job Funds (EdJobs) funds are federal grant dollars. The Special Education and School Financial Services teams urge LEAs to consider the requirements of IDEA's maintenance of effort when determining which positions will be funded with EdJobs. If an LEA plans to use these dollars on existing locally funded special education positions, they should be aware that this may negatively affect the district's IDEA maintenance of effort calculation. IDEA maintenance of effort is based on the LEA's ability to maintain local and state special education funds – if federal funds are used to replace local dollars, maintenance of effort may be violated.

As a reminder, districts should code revenue received from the Department of Administration for reimbursement of claims from the EdJobs fund to Source 780. Expenditures should be given a 595 Project Code. EdJobs funds covering special education positions should continue to be coded to Fund 27. Districts are reminded that accurate accounting for these funds is essential, and should be prepared to provide documentation of expenditures for district auditors and for possible on-site visits from DOA auditors.

Information about filing claims and allowable costs can be found at the Education Jobs tab on the Office of Recovery and Reinvestment website at <http://www.recovery.wi.gov/>. Questions regarding administration and utilization of the EdJobs funds can be directed to Rachel Meek of DOA's Federal Funds team at 608-266-7631 or email at rachel.meek@wisconsin.gov.

Special Education High Cost Aid Claims – Additional Instructions

To access the Special Education High Cost Aid Claim program, the user must log in through the Special Education web portal with either the Director of Special Education assigned user name and password or a district user login. If it is a district user login, prior to accessing the high cost aid claim program, the Director of Special Education must assign the Special Education High Cost Claims application to the district user. This is simply done by logging in as the Director of Special Education, clicking on the "Maintain User Information / Reset Password" on the Portal's Main Menu, selecting the district user from the list and then checking the Special Education High Cost Claims checkbox. Until this assignment is completed, district users will not see the "Special Education High Cost Claims" option on the main menu.